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# Graphs - a quick look

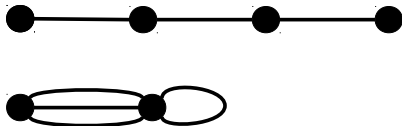
A graph  $\mathcal{G}$  (undirected) has a set of vertices and a set of edges. Each edge joins two (possibly not distinct) vertices.

An edge from a vertex to itself is called a *loop*.

Two vertices are *connected* if there is a path of edges joining them. Connectedness is an equivalence relation that partitions the graph into *connected components*.

A graph is *connected* if it has one connected component.

# Graphs - example



This graph has two connected components, one loop, and one set of multiple edges.

# Dynkin diagrams

Dynkin diagrams encode the geometry of the root system of a semisimple Lie algebra & can be used to classify simple Lie algebras. Extended Dynkin diagrams perform the same role for affine Lie algebras. [cf. Kac]

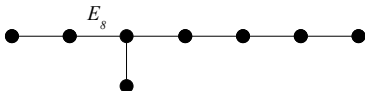
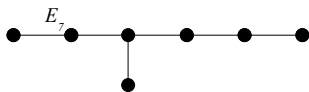
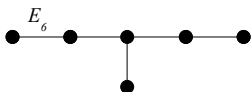
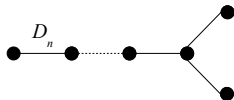
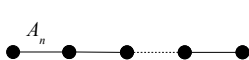
For type  $ADE$  simple Lie algebras, the Dynkin diagram:

- is connected, but has neither loops nor multiple edges,
- has no vertex of order 4, and
- has the property that removing a vertex gives another Dynkin diagram.

Extended Dynkin diagrams: same as above, except only one has a vertex of order 4, and it only has 5 vertices.

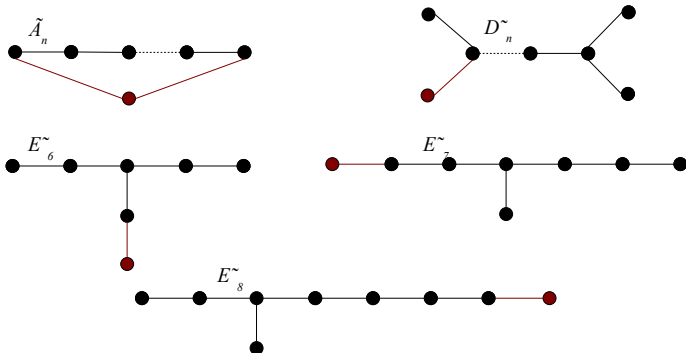
# ADE Dynkin diagrams

(subscript = # of vertices)



# Extended ADE Dynkin diagrams

(subscript +1 = # of vertices)





# Fusion Algebras

$\mathcal{F}$  is a *fusion algebra* if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a commutative, associative ring with a  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -basis  $\{B_1 = 1_{\mathcal{F}}, B_2, \dots, B_\ell\}$  that is closed under  $*$ , a “dual” isomorphism of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $B_i^* = B_{i^*}$ . Moreover, if the  $n_{i,j}^k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  satisfy

$$B_i \cdot B_j = \sum_k n_{i,j}^k B_k, \quad \text{then } n_{i,j}^k = n_{i,k^*}^{j^*}.$$

The motivating example of a fusion algebra is the representation theory of finite groups over  $\mathbb{C}$  (with  $*$  as contragredient), but fusion algebras also arise in the representation theory of other algebraic objects, like finite-dimensional (quasi-)Hopf algebras.

# Example: $S_3$ irreducibles

For us,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a ring with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis consisting of self-dual  $B_1 = 1_{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $B_2 = \text{sgn}$ , and  $B_3$ , and with multiplication given by:

$$\begin{aligned} B_2 \cdot B_2 &= B_1 \\ B_2 \cdot B_3 &= B_3, \text{ and} \\ B_3 \cdot B_3 &= \sum_i B_i \end{aligned}$$

on the basis elements, and is extended linearly.

# Example: $\mathbb{Z}_3$ irreducibles

Here,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a ring with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis consisting of  $B_1 = 1_{\mathcal{F}}$  (which is self-dual),  $B_2$ , and  $B_3 = B_2^* = B_2^*$ , and with multiplication given by:

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extended linearly. Note that these three representations behave like  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  itself.

# Fusion Graphs

Given a fusion algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  and a basis element  $B_k \in \mathcal{F}$ , define a (directed) fusion graph  $\mathcal{G}_k$ : the vertices of  $\mathcal{G}_k$  are  $\{v_1, \dots, v_\ell\}$ , and the number of edges from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  is  $n_{k,i}^j$ . If  $n_{k,i}^j = n_{k,j}^i$  for all  $i, j$ , then we consider  $\mathcal{G}_k$  undirected.

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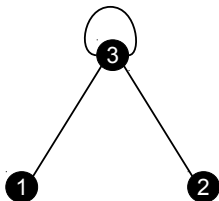
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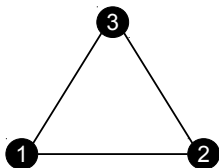
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# Fusion Graphs - Examples

$\mathcal{G}_3$  for  $S_3$



$\mathcal{G}_{2+3}$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_3$



# Fusion Graphs - Properties

Let  $B = B_k$ .

- $\mathcal{G}_B$  is *connected* if every basis element appears in some power of  $B$ . (For groups, true if  $B$  is faithful.)
- $\mathcal{G}_B$  has *loop* if there is a  $j$  such that  $n_{k,j}^j > 0$ .
- $\mathcal{G}_B$  has *multiple edges* if there exist  $i, j$  such that  $n_{k,i}^j > 1$ .

These can be easily extended to  $B = \sum_k m_k B_k$ .

# The Question

Can each extended ADE Dynkin diagram arise as a fusion graph? If so, then which fusion graph (e.g., which group, which quasi-Hopf algebra)?



# Finite Subgroups of $SO(3)$

Recall  $SO(3) = \{M \in M_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid M^T = M^{-1}, \det(M) = 1\}$ .

The nontrivial finite subgroups of  $SO(3)$  are:

- cyclic ( $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ) (order  $n > 1$ )
- dihedral ( $D_{2n}$ ) (order  $2n$ ,  $n > 1$ )
- $A_4$  (order 12) (tetrahedron)
- $S_4$  (order 24) (octahedron/cube)
- $A_5$  (order 60) (icosahedron/dodecahedron)

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- binary icosahedral  $\mathbb{B}I$  (order 120) [9 irreps]

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# Natural representation

For each finite subgroup of  $SU(2)$ , we wish to construct a fusion graph corresponding to the “natural” two-dimensional representation  $V$  (i.e., as elements of  $SU(2)$ ). For each of the binary groups,  $V$  is irreducible and self-dual. For  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $V = W \oplus W^*$ , where  $W$  is a generator of the fusion algebra.

# McKay Correspondence

Let  $G$  be a finite subgroup of  $SU(2)$  and let  $V$  be as above. Then the fusion graph  $\mathcal{G}_V$  is an extended Dynkin diagram [McKay, '80]. Specifically:

group	$\mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{B}D_{2n}$	$\mathbb{B}T$	$\mathbb{B}O$	$\mathbb{B}I$
graph	$\tilde{A}_{n-1}$	$\tilde{D}_{n+2}$	$\tilde{E}_6$	$\tilde{E}_7$	$\tilde{E}_8$
# vertices	$n$	$n + 3$	7	8	9

# Quantum Double of a Finite Group [DPR, '90]

Let  $G$  be a finite group with identity element  $1_G$  and let  $e_g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  satisfy  $e_g(h) = \delta_{g,h}$ . The quantum double of a finite group,  $D(G) = (\mathbb{C}G^* \otimes \mathbb{C}G, u, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  is a Hopf algebra, where

$$(e_g \otimes x) \cdot (e_h \otimes y) = \delta_{g, xhx^{-1}} (e_g \otimes xy)$$

$$u(1) = \sum_{h \in G} (e_h \otimes 1_G)$$

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for all  $g, h, x, y \in G$ .

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Pick  $g_K \in K$  and define  $C_K := C_G(g_K)$ . Let  $M$  be an irreducible  $C_K$ -module with character  $\rho$ . Then  $M$  can be induced up to  $M(K, \rho)$ , a  $D(K)$ -module.



# Fusion algebra for $D(G)$

## Theorem:

$$M(K, \rho) \otimes M(L, \psi) = \bigoplus_{J \subseteq KL} M(J, \sigma)$$

for those  $\sigma \in C_J$  whose restriction to  $Q = r^{-1}C_K r \cap s^{-1}C_L s \cap C_J$  is contained in  $\rho^{(r)} \downarrow_Q \otimes \psi^{(s)} \downarrow_Q$ , where  $\rho^{(r)}(x) = \rho(rxr^{-1})$ , and  $r, s$  are specific coset representatives of  $C_K, C_L$  satisfying  $g_J = (r^{-1}g_K r)(s^{-1}g_L s)$ .

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**Consequence:** The  $D(G)$  fusion graph for  $M(1, \rho)$  has connected components labeled by conjugacy classes of  $G$ . Moreover, the connected component corresponding to  $L$  of the fusion graph is  $\mathcal{G}_V$  for  $V = \rho \downarrow_{C_L}$  in  $C_L$ .

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- The component corresponding to the conjugacy class  $L$  is the extended Dynkin diagram for  $C_L$ .



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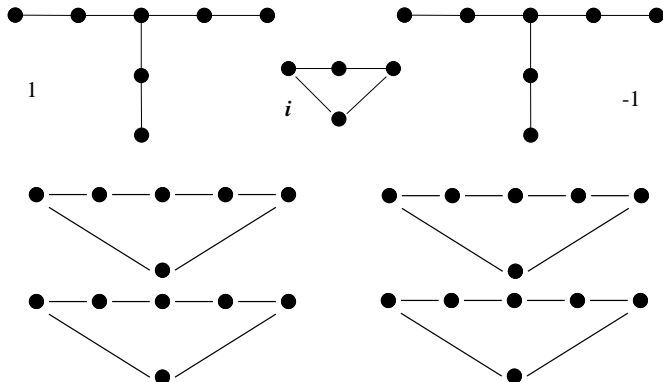
Here, we use

$$\mathbb{B}\mathbb{T} \cong \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k, \frac{1}{2}(\pm 1 \pm i \pm j \pm k)\}$$

where  $i, j, k$  are as in quaternions. (cf. Hurwitz quaternions)

$g_K$	1	-1	$i$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + i + j + k)$ (4 classes)
$ K $	1	1	6	4 (4 times)
$C_G(g_K)$	$G$	$G$	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$ (4 times)
diagram	$\tilde{E}_6$	$\tilde{E}_6$	$\tilde{A}_3$	$\tilde{A}_5$ (4 times)

# Example: $D(\mathbb{B}T)$



# Generalized QDFG, $D(G, N)$ [G & Mason, '10]

Let  $G$  be a finite group with  $N \triangleleft G$ , and let  $\bar{G} = G/N$ . One can define a generalization of the quantum double of a finite group,  $D(G, N) = (\mathbb{C}\bar{G}^* \otimes \mathbb{C}G, u, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$ , via

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for all  $\bar{g}, \bar{h} \in \bar{G}, x, y \in G$ .

# Representations of $D(G, N)$

Rep'ns of  $D(G, N)$  are still induced from rep'ns of centralizers of elements of  $\bar{G}$  in  $G$  (i.e., stabilizers for the conjugation action; cf. abelian extensions of Hopf algebras [Kashina, Mason, Montgomery, '02]). Let  $C_{\bar{L}} := C_G(\bar{g}_{\bar{L}})$ . A similar formula,

$$M(\bar{1}, \rho) \otimes M(\bar{L}, \psi) = M(\bar{L}, \rho \downarrow_{C_{\bar{L}}} \otimes \psi),$$

still holds. So we can still calculate fusion with such an  $M(\bar{1}, \rho)$  in the appropriate centralizer, and thus, the connected component corresponding to  $\bar{L}$  of the fusion graph is  $\mathcal{G}_V$  for  $V = \rho \downarrow_{C_{\bar{L}}}$  in  $C_{\bar{L}}$ .

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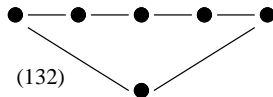
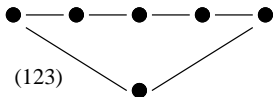
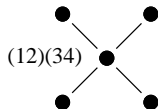
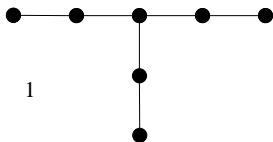
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Let  $\rho$  be the character of the natural two-dimensional representation of  $G$ . Then  $M(\bar{1}, \rho)$  is a  $D(G, N)$ -module whose fusion graph will be made of connected components indexed by conjugacy classes of  $\bar{G}$ . The component corresponding to  $\bar{1}$  is the extended Dynkin diagram corresponding to  $C_{\bar{1}}$ .

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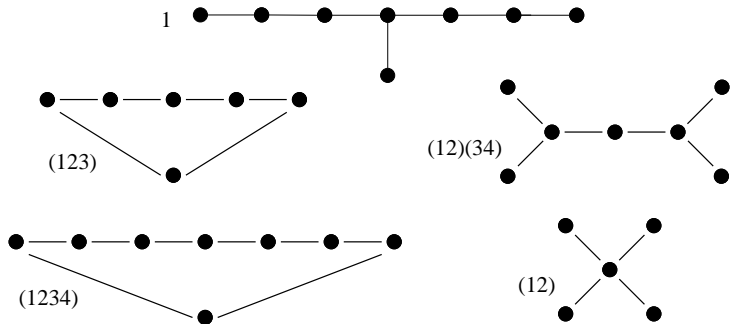


Example:  $D(\mathbb{B}\mathbb{O}, N)$ ,  $\bar{G} \cong S_4$  (from [GM, '10])

$\bar{g}$	$\bar{1}$	(12)	(12)(34)	(123)	(1234)
$ K $	1	6	3	8	6
$C_G(\bar{g})$	$G$	$\mathbb{B}D_4$	$\mathbb{B}D_8$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	$\mathbb{Z}_8$
diagram	$\tilde{E}_7$	$\tilde{D}_4$	$\tilde{D}_6$	$\tilde{A}_5$	$\tilde{A}_7$



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